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The Application of: YAMAMOTO, Teiji et al.

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For. FIXING STRUCTURE FOR FIXING A PIN TO A LINK IN A CATERPILLAR

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: January 13, 2003

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated July 12, 2002 for three months from October 12, 2002 to January 12, 2003.

Attached please find a check in the amount of \$930.00 to cover the cost of the extension for a large entity. In the event that any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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